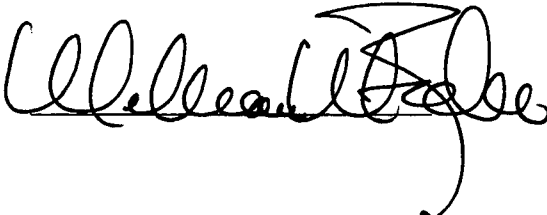


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By:



H.J.R. No. 55

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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By: Zedler, et al.

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H.J.R. No. 55

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COMMITTEE REPORT

The Honorable Tom Craddick
Speaker of the House of Representatives

4/08/03
(date)

Sir:
We, your COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT WAYS AND MEANS
to whom was referred HJR 55 have had the same under consideration and beg to report
back with the recommendation that it

- ☒ do pass, without amendment.
- ☐ do pass, with amendment(s).
- ☐ do pass and be not printed; a Complete Committee Substitute is recommended in lieu of the original measure.
- ☒ yes ☐ no A fiscal note was requested.
- ☐ yes ☒ no A criminal justice policy impact statement was requested.
- ☐ yes ☒ no An equalized educational funding impact statement was requested.
- ☐ yes ☒ no An actuarial analysis was requested.
- ☐ yes ☒ no A water development policy impact statement was requested.
- ☐ yes ☒ no A tax equity note was requested.
- ☐ The Committee recommends that this measure be sent to the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars.

For Senate Measures: House Sponsor _____

Joint Sponsors: _____ / _____ / _____

Co-Sponsors: _____

The measure was reported from Committee by the following vote:

	AYE	NAY	PNV	ABSENT
Hill, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Hegar, Vice-chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Laubenberg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
McReynolds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Mowery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Puente	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Quintanilla	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Total 7 aye
0 nay
0 present, not voting
0 absent

Tom Hill
CHAIR

BILL ANALYSIS

H.J.R. 55
By: Zedler
Local Government Ways and Means
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Churches throughout Texas are preparing for future growth by purchasing property for expansion. However, some local taxing entities are taxing this undeveloped land that churches own. HJR 55 proposes a constitutional amendment which would prohibit local entities from taxing non-revenue generating property owned by religious organizations.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this resolution does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

Would amend Section 2(a), Article VIII, Texas Constitution, to provide a tax exemption for non-revenue generating property held by religious organizations for the purpose of expansion.

FOR ELECTION

November 4, 2003.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTION

HJR 55

March 27, 2003 8:00AM

Considered in public hearing
Left pending in committee

April 8, 2003 upon lunch recess

Considered in formal meeting
Reported favorably without amendment(s)

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 78TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 26, 2003

TO: Honorable Fred Hill, Chair, House Committee on Local Government Ways and Means

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

LBB Staff: JK, SD, WP, BR

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LIST OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS CONSIDERED TODAY

HJR55-Second Reading

<u>AMENDMENT#</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
1	Denny	Amendment	Adopted
2	Lewis	Amendment	Adopted

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 1



BY: Denny

1 Amend H.J.R. No. 55, on page 2, line 24, by striking "November
2 4, 2003" and substituting

"September 13, 2003"

((INSERT A))

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ADOPTED

MAY 10 2003

Robert H. Hanes
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives



FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 2

BY:

Allen O. Lewis

Amend H.J.R. No. 55 as follows:

(1) On page 2, line 2, between the semicolon and "places", insert the following:

any property that is owned by a church or by a strictly religious society and is leased by that church or strictly religious society to a person for use as a school, as defined by Section 11.21, Tax Code, or a successor statute, for educational purposes:

(2) Strike page 2, line 26, through page 3, line 2, and substitute the following:

proposition: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that is owned with the intent of expanding or constructing a religious facility."

ADOPTED

MAY 10 2003

Robert H. Hanes
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

HOUSE ENGROSSMENT

By: Zedler, et al.

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 78TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 26, 2003

TO: Honorable Fred Hill, Chair, House Committee on Local Government Ways and Means

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HJR55 by Zedler (Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization for purposes of expanding or constructing a religious facility.), **As Introduced**

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Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

LBB Staff: JK, SD, WP, BR

1-1 By: Zedler, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Janek) H.J.R. No. 55
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2003;
1-3 May 13, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Finance;
1-4 May 24, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 12,
1-5 Nays 0; May 24, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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FAVORABLE
SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT ON

SB SCR SJR SR HB HCR SJR 55
By Janek
(Author/Senate Sponsor)
5-24-03
(date)

Sir:

We, your Committee on FINANCE, to which was referred the attached measure,
have on 5-23-03, had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it
(date of hearing)
back with the recommendation (s) that it:

☒ do pass and be printed

☐ do pass and be ordered not printed

☐ and is recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Bills Calendar.

A fiscal note was requested. ☒ yes ☐ no

A revised fiscal note was requested. ☐ yes ☒ no

An actuarial analysis was requested. ☐ yes ☒ no

Considered by subcommittee. ☐ yes ☒ no

The measure was reported from Committee by the following vote:

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PNV
Senator Bivins, Chair			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Senator Zaffirini, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Averitt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Barrientos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Brimer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Duncan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Janek	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Nelson			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Senator Ogden			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Senator Shapiro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Shapleigh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Staples	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator West	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Whitmire	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
TOTAL VOTES	<u>12</u>		<u>3</u>	

COMMITTEE ACTION

S260 Considered in public hearing
S270 Testimony taken
Stephanie Brown
COMMITTEE CLERK

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CHAIR

WITNESS LIST

HJR 55

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

Finance

May 22, 2003 - 8:00AM

Registering, but not testifying:

AGAINST: Ward, Mike (Texas Heritage Society)

BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center

H.J.R. 55
By: Zedler (Janek)
Finance
5/20/2003
Engrossed

DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Religious entities throughout Texas are preparing for future growth by purchasing land for expansion, and some local taxing entities are taxing this undeveloped property.

H.J.R. 55 proposes a constitutional amendment which would prohibit local entities from taxing non-revenue generating property owned by religious organizations.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2(a), Article VIII, Texas Constitution, to add any property owned by a church or by a strictly religious society that owns an actual place of religious worship if the property is owned for the purpose of expansion of the place of religious worship or construction of a new place of religious worship and the property yields no revenue whatever to the church or religious society, provided that the legislature by general law may provide eligibility limitations for the exemption and may impose sanctions related to the exemption in furtherance of the taxation policy of this subsection; any property that is owned by a church or by a strictly religious society and is leased by that church or strictly religious society to a person for use as a school, as defined by Section 11.21 (Schools), Tax Code, or a successor statute, for educational purposes to the list of properties the legislature is authorized to exempt from taxation by general laws under certain conditions.

SECTION 2. Requires the proposed constitutional amendment to be submitted to the voters at an election to be held September 13, 2003. Requires the ballot to be printed to permit voting for or against the certain proposition.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 78TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 13, 2003

TO: Honorable Teel Bivins, Chair, Senate Committee on Finance

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HJR55 by Zedler (Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that is owned with the intent of expanding or constructing a religious facility.), **As Engrossed**

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The cost to the state for publication of the resolution is \$475,584.

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The constitutional amendment is to be submitted to the voters at an election held September 13, 2003. According to the Secretary of State, presenting one constitutional amendment on a ballot results in higher costs because economies of scales are lost. The estimated cost of \$475,584 would include \$314,062 for postage, \$50,872 for printing, \$110,500 for newspaper advertising, and \$150 for translation costs. According to the Secretary of State, these costs are similar to those experienced in November 2002 when one constitutional amendment was presented to voters.

The proposed amendment alone would have no fiscal impact on the state or units of local government except publication costs.

Local Government Impact

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Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

LBB Staff: JK, SD, WP, BR

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
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H.J.R. No. 55

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.J.R. No. 55 was passed by the House on May 10, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 124, Nays 5, 5 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.J.R. No. 55 was passed by the Senate on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

RECEIVED: _____

Date

Secretary of State

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.J.R. No. 55
(1) was passed by the House on

May 10
(2), 2003, by the following vote:

Yeas 124
(3), Nays 5, 5 present, not voting
(4)

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.J.R. No. 55 was passed by the Senate on

May 28
(5), 2003, by the following vote:

Yeas 31
(6), Nays 0
(7)

Secretary of the Senate

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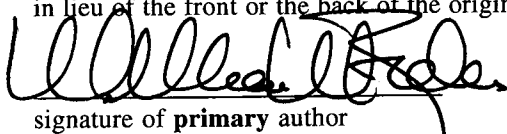
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78TH LEGISLATURE

COAUTHOR AUTHORIZATION

(please request your coauthors to sign this form
in lieu of the front or the back of the original bill)

Bill or Resolution Number: HJR 55


signature of primary author

William W. Zedler 2/24/2003
printed name of primary author Date

PERMISSION TO SIGN HJR 55 HAS BEEN GIVEN TO (check only one of the following):
(bill or resolution #)

☒ ALL REPRESENTATIVES

☐ THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTATIVE(S): _____

I authorize the Chief Clerk to include my name as a coauthor of the legislation indicated above:

A2115 Allen	Date	A2450 Cook, Byron	Date	A2795 Farabee	Date
A2125 Alonzo	Date	A2565 Cook, Robert "Robby"	Date	A2810 Farrar	Date
A2160 Bailey	Date	A2595 Corte	Date	A2840 Flores	Date
A2170 Baxter	Date	A2605 Crabb	Date	A2850 Flynn	Date
A2205 Berman	Date	A2610 Craddick	Date	A2920 Gallego	Date
A2230 Boljac	Date	A2640 Crownover	Date	A2925 Garza	Date
A2250 Bonnen	Date	A2620 Davis, John	Date	A2960 Gattis	Date
A2280 Branch	Date	A2625 Davis, Yvonne	Date	A2945 Geren	Date
A2265 Brown, Betty	Date	A2635 Dawson	Date	A2935 Giddings	Date
A2270 Brown, Fred	Date	A2680 Delisi	Date	A2985 Goodman	Date
A2255 Burnam	Date	A3385 Denny	Date	A2990 Goolsby	Date
A2295 Callegari	Date	A2690 Deshotel	Date	A3010 Griggs	Date
A2290 Campbell	Date	A2705 Driver	Date	A3020 Grusendorf	Date
A2350 Canales	Date	A2665 Dukes	Date	A3045 Guillen	Date
A2300 Capelo	Date	A2660 Dunnam	Date	A3030 Gutierrez	Date
A2490 Casteel	Date	A2650 Dutton	Date	A3035 Haggerty	Date
A2495 Castro	Date	A2770 Edwards	Date	A3050 Hamilton	Date
A2585 Chavez	Date	A2775 Eiland	Date	A2695 Hamric	Date
A2480 Chisum	Date	A2780 Eissler	Date	A3160 Hardcastle	Date
A2525 Christian	Date	A2785 Elkins	Date	A3165 Harper-Brown	Date
A2435 Coleman	Date	A2790 Ellis	Date	A3170 Hartnett	Date

A3180 Heflin	Date	A3715 Madden	Date	A4220 Riddle	Date
A3190 Hegar	Date	A3750 Marchant	Date	A4250 Ritter	Date
A3250 Hilderbran	Date	A2835 Martinez Fischer	Date	A4270 Rodriguez	Date
A3275 Hill	Date	A3665 McCall	Date	A4350 Rose	Date
A3305 Hochberg	Date	A3650 McClendon	Date	A4420 Seaman	Date
A3290 Hodge	Date	A3845 McReynolds	Date	A4525 Smith, Todd	Date
A3325 Homer	Date	A3830 Menendez	Date	A4540 Smith, Wayne	Date
A3320 Hope	Date	A3815 Mercer	Date	A4530 Smithee	Date
A3330 Hopson	Date	A3840 Merritt	Date	A4550 Solis	Date
A3340 Howard	Date	A3835 Miller	Date	A4505 Solomons	Date
A3340 Hughes	Date	A3855 Moreno, Joe	Date	A4560 Stick	Date
A3355 Hunter	Date	A3860 Moreno, Paul	Date	A4570 Swinford	Date
A3360 Hupp	Date	A3870 Morrison	Date	A4585 Talton	Date
A3375 Isett	Date	A3865 Mowery	Date	A4600 Taylor	Date
A3405 Jones, Delwin	Date	A3885 Naishtat	Date	A4605 Telford	Date
A3420 Jones, Elizabeth	Date	A3895 Nixon	Date	A4630 Thompson	Date
A3400 Jones, Jesse	Date	A3900 Noriega	Date	A4650 Truitt	Date
A3475 Keel	Date	A3880 Oliveira	Date	A4685 Turner	Date
A3410 Keffer, Bill	Date	A3886 Olivo	Date	A4690 Uresti	Date
A3480 Keffer, Jim	Date	A4100 Paxton	Date	A4700 Van Arsdale	Date
A3470 King	Date	A4140 Pena	Date	A4800 Villarreal	Date
A3495 Kolkhorst	Date	A4160 Phillips	Date	A4995 West	Date
A3485 Krusee	Date	A4180 Pickett	Date	A5000 Wilson	Date
A3450 Kuempel	Date	A4185 Pitts	Date	A5020 Wise	Date
A3510 Laney	Date	A4200 Puente	Date	A5015 Wohlgenuth	Date
A3540 Laubenberg	Date	A4230 Quintanilla	Date	A4980 Wolens	Date
A3605 Lewis	Date	A4240 Rangel	Date	A4985 Wong	Date
A3620 Luna	Date	A4215 Raymond	Date	A5005 Woolley	Date
A3700 Mabry	Date	A4236 Reyna	Date	A5150 Zedler	Date

H.J.R. No. 55

By William W. Zede

proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization for purposes of expanding or constructing a religious facility.

FEB 25 2003 Filed with the Chief Clerk

MAR 03 2003 Read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government Ways and Means

APR 08 2003 Reported favorably (~~unfavorably~~)
(~~unsubstantiated~~)

APR 10 2003 Sent to Committee on Calendars

MAY 10 2003 Read second time (~~amended~~ ~~sub.~~) (amended) and adopted (~~passed to third reading~~) by a record vote of 124 yeas, 5 nays, 5 present, not voting

Read third time (amended) and finally adopted (failed of adoption) by a record vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting

MAY 12 2003 Engrossed

MAY 12 2003 Sent to Senate

Robert Haney
CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

OTHER HOUSE ACTION:

MAY 12 2003 Received from the House

MAY 13 2003 Read and referred to Committee on FINANCE

MAY 24 2003 Reported favorably _____

Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time

Ordered not printed

Laid before the Senate

MAY 28 2003 Senate and Constitutional Rules to permit consideration suspended by (unanimous consent)
_____ yeas, _____ nays)

MAY 28 2003 Read second time, _____, and passed to third reading by (unanimous consent)
(a viva voce vote)
_____ yeas, _____ nays)

MAY 28 2003 Senate and Constitutional 3 Day Rules suspended by a vote of 31 yeas, 0 nays

MAY 28 2003 Read third time, _____, and passed by 31 yeas, 0 nays

May 28, 2003 Returned to the House

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SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

OTHER SENATE ACTION:

MAY 28 2003

Returned from the Senate (as substituted)
(with amendments)

House concurred in Senate amendments by a (non-record vote)
(record vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting)

House refused to concur in Senate amendments and requested the appointment of a conference committee
by a (non-record vote) (record vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting)

House conferees appointed: _____, Chair; _____,
_____, _____, _____

Senate granted House request. Senate conferees appointed: _____, Chair;
_____, _____, _____

Conference committee report adopted (rejected) by the House by a record vote of
_____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting

Conference committee report adopted (rejected) by the Senate by a record vote of
_____ yeas, _____ nays

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